

8.2.1 HOMICIDE DETAIL CALL-OUTS

The Investigations Bureau has audit responsibility.

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8.2.1.1 DEFINITIONS

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- A) Officer involved shooting (OIS) – a firearms discharge from any person employed by the City of Long Beach who is authorized by the City of Long Beach to carry a firearm as part of their normal duties.
- B) In-custody death (ICD) – a death which occurs at any point in time when a person's freedom of movement has been denied by law enforcement, such as during arrest, detention, attempted arrest, attempted detention or while confined in any law enforcement vehicle or facility.

8.2.1.2 NOTIFICATIONS

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The Homicide Detail shall be immediately notified of the following incidents:

- 1) Homicide or where the victim has sustained a life-threatening injury;
- 2) Attempted murder of an on-duty police officer;
- 3) Officer involved shooting;
- 4) Shootings involving other law enforcement agency employees;
- 5) Incidents involving an LBPD employee which result in a homicide or critical injury;
- 6) ICD or incident where an ICD is imminent, including incidents where the in-custody subject is sustained on life support;
 - a) If the incident involves a vehicle pursuit ONLY and there are no additional circumstances related to the incident, the Collision Investigation Detail will respond and handle, for further reference LBPD Manual § 7.4.1.4 Collision Investigation Detail Call-out Procedure;
- 7) Attempted suicide incidents by an in-custody subject;
- 8) Sudden or undetermined death of a child, 12-years-old or younger; notification is not required for the following:
 - a) Traffic accidents;
 - b) A death while involved in a sporting event where no injury occurred and no foul play is suspected; or
 - c) A death of a child under a doctor's care, and the doctor will sign the death certificate;
- 9) Missing person's cases in which foul play is suspected;
- 10) Kidnappings;
 - a) If parental abduction, contact Child Abuse or the on-call CART Detective;
 - b) If victim is still missing, contact the on-call Homicide Detective;

- c) Kidnappings in which the victim has been located do not require a notification to Homicide;
- 11) Deaths of a suspicious nature;
- 12) Deaths involving suspected or actual drowning (bathtub, swimming pool, etc.);
 - a) A notification is not required if the decedent is found in a natural body of water i.e., the ocean, or a flood control and there is no evidence the decedent died at that location, unless the death is of a suspicious nature;
- 13) Deaths resulting from a fire;
- 14) Discovery of human bones or bones believed to be human.

8.2.1.3 RESPONSE FOR OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING OR IN-CUSTODY DEATH

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If an OIS or ICD incident occurs **within** the City of Long Beach, the Homicide Detail will respond and conduct the following investigations:

	LPBD Homicide Responsibility	Outside Agency Responsibility
Officer On-Duty	Administrative and Criminal	None
Officer Off-Duty	Administrative and Criminal	None
Outside Agency On-Duty	Criminal*	Administrative and Criminal*
Outside Agency Off-Duty	Criminal	Administrative

* The decision of who will handle the criminal investigation of an on-duty, outside agency employee will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

If an OIS or ICD incident occurs **outside** the City of Long Beach, the Homicide Detail will respond and assume the following roles:

	LPBD Homicide Responsibility	Outside Agency Responsibility
Officer On-Duty	Administrative and Criminal*	Criminal *
Officer Off-Duty	Administrative	Criminal

* The decision of who will handle the criminal investigation of an on-duty, Long Beach officer will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

8.2.1.4 INCIDENT SCENE MANAGEMENT

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- 1) The Incident Commander shall have control of the incident and remain in charge until the scene is secure and the tactical situation is concluded. The Homicide Detail shall then assume control of the investigation.
- 2) The initial responding field supervisor and field units will secure the crime scene.
- 3) Field units should attempt to locate and interview any potential witnesses prior to the arrival of the Homicide Detective and ask witnesses to remain on scene until Homicide arrives.
 - a) Officers should not transport witnesses to the station without a Homicide Detective's approval.
 - b) If a witness cannot remain at the scene, an officer will attempt to properly identify the witness, obtain a complete statement (recorded if possible), and in either instance file a report in the Homicide Office.
 - c) City emergency response personnel who are witnesses to an OIS should remain on scene until interviewed.
- 4) Field units should not leave the scene until directed by a Homicide Detective or their designee.
- 5) A Lab Unit will process the crime scene in conjunction with the Homicide Detail.
 - a) Officers should not collect or disturb any evidence inside the crime scene unless required to immediately apprehend an outstanding suspect, to provide aid, or to make the scene safe.
 - b) Under emergency circumstances where it is impractical to maintain the scene, the on-scene field supervisor or patrol officers shall collect as much physical evidence as practical, exercising care to accurately record the location of each item.
 - If this occurs, officers shall file their evidence reports in the Homicide Office and upon completion, submit them to a Homicide Detective for review.
 - A Homicide Detective will review the collected evidence prior to placing the items into Property.
- 6) The Homicide Detail will notify the Department Psychologist as needed.
- 7) After officers complete their assignment at the incident scene and receive approval to leave, they will report directly to the Homicide Office to file, unless Homicide Detectives direct otherwise.